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HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
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ANNUAL REPORT

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st. 1958

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| Medical Officer of Health | M.C.O'Connor, M.B., B.S., D.P.H. |
| Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector. | G.K.Foster, M.R.S.H., A.I.W.E. |
| Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector. | B.Barker. |
| Assistant Public Health Inspector | J.Wynne Jones. |
| Housing Manager. | C.H.Carey. |
| Housing & Planning Assistant. | S.Brierley, A.I.A.S. |
| Housing Assistant & Public Health Assistant. | M.M.Anderson. |

Committees concerned with matters of Public Health:-

Public Health and Housing Committee
Planning Committee
Accident Prevention Committee.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Long Ashton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting my seventh Annual Report on the Health, Sanitary and Social conditions of the District for the year 1958.

The information therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, with such added matter as is deemed necessary for record and for your information and interest.

VITAL STATISTICS.

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Area | 45,434 acres. |
| | Population, as assessed by the Registrar General for mid-1958 | 24,540 |
| at 31.12.58 | Number of Permanent dwellings. | 7,978 |
| - " - " - " | Rateable Value | £279,640 |
| - " - " - " | Product of Penny Rate | £1,165 |

VITAL STATISTICS.Live Births.

The number of live births registered during the year was 377 representing a live birth rate, based on the mid-year population, of 15.36 for the District, and after adjustment for the local age distribution pattern, of

17.2 per 1,000 population.

That for England and Wales is estimated at 16.4 per 1,000

LIVE BIRTHS.

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|
| Legitimate | 169 | 191 | 360 |
| Illegitimate | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Totals | 180 | 197 | 377 |

Of these 106 were born in houses in the District; 8 in Tyntesfield Camp.

STILL BIRTHS.

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--|------|--------|-------|
| | 4 | 7 | 11 |

INFANT DEATHS.

| | Male | Female | Total |
|-------------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Under 1 week :- | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Under 4 weeks :- | - | 1 | 1 |
| 1 to 12 months :- | 1(4 weeks) | - | 1 |
| Totals | 4 | 6 | 10 |

All were associated with Deformity and/or Prematurity, and occurred in Hospitals.

All were legitimate.

DEATHS.

Death Rates:-

Infant Mortality Rate :- 26.5 per 1,000 live births.

27.7 per 1,000 legitimate births.

Nil per 1,000 illegitimate births.

Neo-natal Mortality rate (First 4 weeks) :- 23.9 per 1,000 related live births

Early Neo-natal rate (First week) :- 21.2 " " " " "

Perinatal rate (stillbirths + deaths during first week) 49. per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.

Maternal Deaths (excluding abortion) :- Nil

Maternal Mortality rate (including abortion) :- Nil per 1,000 total births

The number of deaths was 315, representing an adjusted Death Rate of 11.8 per 1,000 at an estimated mid-year population as given by the Registrar General.

Age Distribution.

| | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|------|--------|-------|
| 1 to 12 months | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 1 to 4 years | - | - | - |
| 5 to 14 years | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 15 to 44 years | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| 45 to 64 years | 41 | 24 | 65 |
| 65 to 74 years | 44 | 34 | 78 |
| 75 and over | 61 | 85 | 146 |
| Totals | 163 | 152 | 315 |

DEATHS.Causes(Registrar General's Return)

| <u>Disease</u> | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Tuberculosis, Pulmonary | - | - | - |
| " , other | - | - | - |
| Cancer, Stomach | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| " Lungs and Bronchus | 9 | - | 9 |
| " Breast | - | 4 | 4 |
| " Uterus | - | 1 | 1 |
| " Other | 20 | 12 | 32 |
| Leukaemia | 1 | - | 1 |
| Diabetes | - | - | - |
| Vascular Lesions Nervous System | 20 | 23 | 43 |
| Coronary Disease | 39 | 33 | 72 |
| Hypertension and Heart | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Other Heart Disease | 19 | 35 | 54 |
| Other Circulatory Disease | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Influenza | - | - | - |
| Pneumonia | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| Bronchitis | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Other Respiratory Disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Ulcer Stomach, Duodenum | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea | - | 2 | 2 |
| Kidney Disease | 2 | - | 2 |
| Enlarged Prostate, nonmalignant | 2 | - | 2 |
| Congenital Deformity | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Other and illdefined disease | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Motor Accidents | 4 | - | 4 |
| Other Accidents | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Suicide | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 163 | 151 | 314 |

Comment.

For the first year on record there was no death from pulmonary Tuberculosis

Other notable absentees are the infectious diseases and those associated with childbirth.

The Registrar's figures do not include a child from North Weston, wrongly allocated to Portishead, the Postal address, and I am unable to identify, from my own records, the two cases classified as Gastritis, Enteritis, etc.

Coronary Disease of the Heart has of recent years become the predominating cause of death as shown in the following table:-

| Year | Coronary Deaths | All causes | District Population | Percentage of all deaths. |
|------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1952 | 42 | 248 | 22,940 | 17% |
| 1953 | 22 | 222 | 23,010 | 10% |
| 1954 | 26 | 235 | 23,280 | 11% |
| 1955 | 52 | 270 | 23,570 | 18½% |
| 1956 | 60 | 283 | 23,780 | 21% |
| 1957 | 59 | 311 | 24,130 | 19% |
| 1958 | 72 | 315 | 24,540 | 23% |

Accidents. Three of these were due to falls in persons of 83, 88 and 90 years of age, one from coal gas and two from accidental poisoning.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following numbers of cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the year :

| <u>Disease.</u> | <u>Total Notified.</u> | <u>Deaths.</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Measles. | 153 | - |
| Scarlet Fever. | 17 | - |
| Puerperal Fever. | 1 | - |
| Meningococcal Infection. | 1 | - |
| Dysentery. | 3 | - |
| Whooping Cough. | 26 | - |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia. | 22 | 9 (not notified) |
| Acute Influenzal Pneumonia. | 4 | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis. | - | - |
| Erysipelas. | 2 | - |
| Food Poisoning. | 2 | - |
| Tuberculosis, Respiratory. | 10 | 1 (Poisoning) |
| " Non-respiratory. | 1 | 1 |

TUBERCULOSIS.

In addition to the 10 new notifications, there were 9 Transfers i.e. cases previously notified in other Districts. During the year there were 25 cases removed from the local Register, as cured, transfers or other reasons.

The distribution of cases at present is :-

| <u>Parish.</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total.</u> | <u>Parish.</u> | <u>M.</u> | <u>F.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Abbots Leigh | - | 2 | 2 | Backwell | 3 | 7 | 15 |
| Barrow Gurney | 1 | 1 | 2 | Brockley | - | - | - |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | 2 | 1 | 3 | Cleeve | 1 | - | 1 |
| Dundry | 5 | 2 | 7 | Easton-in- | | | |
| | | | | Gordano | 13 | 10 | 23 |
| Flax Bourton | - | 2 | 2 | Kenn | - | - | - |
| Kingston Seymour | - | - | - | Long Ashton | 9 | 7 | 16(+) |
| Nailsea | 6 | 4 | 10 | North Weston | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Portbury | - | 1 | 1 | Tickenham | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Walton-in-Gordano | - | - | - | Weston-in- | | | |
| | | | | Gordano | - | 2 | 2 |
| Winford | 3 | 2 | 5 | Wraxall | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| Yatton | 12 | 11 (+) | 23 | TOTALS | 66 | 61 | 127 |

(+) Yatton figures are augmented by 6 (M.-4;F.-2) in Yatton Hall, while those for Long Ashton by 4 males in Cambridge House.

Mass Radiography.

The South Western Regional Hospital Board's unit visited Cambridge House and examined 199 patients, 38 staff and 3 members of the public.

No case of active tuberculosis was found. There were 3 cases of inactive disease and two other lesions of a non-tuberculosis nature.

IMMUNISATION.

The following figures are supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health for the past year. The work is carried out by the General Practitioners or at School or Infant Welfare Clinics.

Diphtheria.

Number of Children who completed a full course of PRIMARY injections:-

| <u>Age.</u> | Under 1. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | Totals. |
|-------------|----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| 195. | 70. | 3. | 4. | 3. | 21. | - | | 296. |

This compares with 307 for last year, though the numbers in the first year are maintained. There should be no complacency about the need to maintain a high average of protected persons if our present position regarding the incidence of this disease is to be preserved.

Number of children at December 31st, 1958, who had completed a course of immunisation, (primary or booster) with the last 5 years.

| Age at 31.12.58: | Under 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 - 9 | 10 - 14 | Total |
|------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|----------|
| i.e. born in | 1958 | 1957 | 1956 | 1955 | 1954 | 1953-49 | 1948-44 | under 15 |
| | 32 | 191 | 243 | 261 | 250 | 1047 | 296 | 2320 |

Smallpox.

Number of persons vaccinated, or revaccinated, during the year :-
(P=Primary; R=revaccination.)

| <u>Age Group.</u> | Under 1 | 1 | 2-4 | 5-14 | 15 or over. | Totals. |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---------|
| | P. | P. R. | P. R. | P. R. | P. R. | P. R. |
| | 164 | 15 - | 12 1 | 8 6 | 6 12 | 205 19 |

Whooping Cough.

Number of children who completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of vaccine, either singly or in combination with Diphtheria.

| <u>Age.</u> | Under 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 - 14 | Totals. |
|-------------|---------|----|---|---|---|--------|---------|
| | 183 | 58 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 253 |

Poliomyelitis.

Number of persons who received a course of Primary vaccination, (two injections) during the year :-

| <u>Year of Birth.</u> | 1933-42. | 43. | 44. | 45. | 46. | 47. | 48. | 49. | 50. | 51. |
|-----------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 14 | 26 | 63 | 73 | 107 | 155 | 151 | 174 | 142 | 165 |

Continued.

| 1952. | 53. | 54. | 55. | 56. | 57. | 58. | Total | Expectant | Drs. & |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | Children | Mothers | Families. |
| 186 | 165 | 175 | 171 | 202 | 147 | 7 | 2109 | 30 | 16 |

Number (all groups) received a third injection:- 3

These numbers do not include those who may have received injections outside the District.

The year started with some shortage of vaccine and a limitation of the age groups to which it was made available. There is now sufficient to include the adolescent ages and to advise the having of the third reinforcing injection which gives increased immunity. A good start has been made in the campaign. Roughly assessed from the 1951 Census figures it would appear that in the groups 10 years of age and under about 45%, the children have benefitted by this protection.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Medical Officer of Health and his staff are responsible for the active operation of the Health Services under the National Health Services Act, 1946-52.

These include:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Venereal Disease | Tuberculosis. |
| Maternity & Child Welfare. | Home Nursing and Health Visiting. |
| Home Helps. | Mental Health. |
| Welfare Foods. | Public Health Laboratories. |
| School Medical Service. | Immunisation. |
| Ambulance Service. | |

The following details of Personel etc. may be of use for reference :-

Maternity & Child Welfare Clinics.

| <u>Centre.</u> | | <u>Afternoon of :-</u> | <u>Doctor.</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Backwell | Institute Hall | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | Dr.Hickman. |
| Claverham | Gospel Hall | 2nd Tuesday | Dr.Damrel. |
| Cleeve | Village Hall | 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday | Dr.Bown. |
| Long Ashton | Church House | Alternate Thursdays | Dr.Dickson. |
| Nailsea | Church Institute | Alternate Tuesdays | Dr.Bown. |
| Easton-in-Gordano. | Church Hut, Pill. | 1st & 3rd Wednesday | Dr.Townend. |
| Wraxall | The Chapel, Tyntesfield Estate | 1st & 3rd Friday | Dr.Bown. |
| Yatton | Methodist Hall | 1st & 3rd Thursday | Dr.Dyson. |

DISTRICT NURSES.

| <u>Name & Address.</u> | <u>Parishes covered.</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Miss B.Hooper, 12, Cross Lanes, Pill. | Abbots Leigh, Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury. |
| Mrs. G.Weeks, Tynings, Main Road, Backwell. | Backwell, Barrow Gurney. |
| Miss M.Cummins, Miss B.Cummings, Newlyn, Station Road, Nailsea. | Brockley, Nailsea, Tickenham. |
| Miss E.I.Marchant, Miss A.Wintle, 3, Link Road South, Portishead. | Clapton & Weston-in-Gordano, North Weston. |
| Miss L.M.Coffin, The Croft, Felton. | Dundry, Winford. |
| Miss H.J.Hyman, Wraxall. | Flax Bourton, Wraxall. |
| Miss E.Wall, Miss L.Phillipson, 13, Jesmond Rd., Clevedon. | Kenn, Kingston Seymour, Walton-in-Gordano. |
| Miss A.E.Jones, 26, Ridgeway Rd., Long Ashton. | Long Ashton. |
| Miss J.G.Powell, 37, Henley Park, Yatton. | Yatton, Cleeve. |

HEALTH SERVICES(Contd.)

Area Home Help Organiser.

Miss K.Jenkins, 3,Neva Road, Weston-Super-Mare.

Welfare Foods - Distribution Centres.

Council Offices, Flax Bourton

Wednesday afternoons.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Mrs.Hollister,School House,Barrow Gurney | } | as required |
| Miss K.Jones,Wayside,Dundry. | | |
| Miss M.Sweet,Lilycroft,Dundry Lane,Dundry | | |
| Messrs. E.G. & V.L.Payne Ltd. The Stores, | | |
| Felton. | | |
| Infant Welfare Centres as before | } | |
| mentioned. | | |

School Medical Officer.

Dr. M.J.Cooke, Berwick Lodge, 19 Victoria Road, Clevedon.

I am most grateful to the County Medical Officer of Health for the provision of these details of the organisation.

Infectious Diseases are admitted to Ham Green Hospital.

Tuberculosis Clinics are held at Clevedon, Ham Green Hospital and at the Central Health Clinic in Bristol.

Mass Radiography was carried out once during the year - at Pill. Visits are not easy to arrange in the Unit's full programme.

Old People's Clubs are active in Backwell, Long Ashton,Nailsea nd Redcliffe Bay and are jointly financed by this Council and the County to cover premises expenses.

British Red Cross Society - Medical Loan Department.

This very useful service has continued to give good service and extended its work to cover visiting the aged and lonely with gifts of remembrance.

The Depot, on the Ridgeway, Long Ashton is open every Wednesday morning from 10.45 to noon. There is a most useful stock of sick-room furniture and equipment available for loan.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Bristol Waterworks Company's supply is almost general throughout the District and is safe and satisfactory. The supply from Chelvey is much harder than other sources and the need for its undiluted use caused some complaint from Clapton-in-Gordano for a period during the year. There was at no time any shortage of water.

One of the Hospitals, served from a private borehole and where the water was stored in their own reservoir, and found to be polluted, had to install a chlorination plant to render the water safe.

Water Supply from Mains.

| (a) | <u>DIRECT TO HOUSES</u> | | | <u>VIA STANDPIPES</u> | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Public.</u> | <u>Water</u> <u>Company</u> | <u>Private</u> | <u>Public</u> | <u>Water</u> <u>Company</u> | <u>Private.</u> |
| Number of Dwelling Houses | - | 7715 | 17 | - | 75 | - |
| Estimated Population | - | 24,456 | 65 | - | 204 | - |

- (b) All 21 Parishes have piped water supply, though parts may not yet be connected, from public mains.
- (c) No Parish is without a piped water supply and cannot be supplied at reasonable cost, though outlying parts call for heavy guarantees.
- (d) Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for :-
- (i) Well Water ... 18;(ii)Private source... Nil;(iii)Other ... 19.

Water supply from Wells.

Number of wells closed 10
 Number of houses relying on - well supplies...133
 spring supply... 17

Extension of Supplies during the year.

| | <u>Cost.</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Wraxall.</u> Extension of Bristol Waterworks Company's mains to West Hill area, under guarantee | £4,978 |

Future Proposals.

| | <u>Approximate</u> <u>Cost</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Winford</u> Extension of Bristol Waterworks Company's mains to Strode and Plaisters Green, under guarantee. (this work is in hand) | £5,340 |

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS.

There is but one in the District, that maintained by Ashton Court Country Club. It has a modern treatment plant, well maintained.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Of the 21 Parishes in the District, the following were supplied with main drainage and efficient disposal systems at the end of the year:-

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Backwell. | excluding Church Lane, Church Town, Backwell Common and Downside. |
| Cleeve. | excluding Plunder Street and eastern parts. |
| Long Ashton. | including Cambridge House, the Police Headquarters and houses; but excluding Leigh Woods. |
| Flax Bourton. | Eastern part in Council House area. |
| Easton-in-Gordano. | Pill and Ham Green only, but a start has been made on the Easton part in conjunction with Portbury. |
| Nailsea. | Kingshill and Southfield areas only. |
| North Weston. | excluding Redcliffe Bay area. |
| Yatton. | excluding Lower Claverham. |

Works for the Council House Estates are established in :-

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dundry, Lulsgate Tickenham | using old Camp Site works. |
| Wraxall | for Council Houses and Tyntesfield Park with separate Works. |
| Kenn | |

EXTENSIONS made during the year.Completed.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>NAILSEA.</u> | Kingshill portion of the Nailsea Sewerage Scheme, (Stage 2), <u>Cost £23,898(not final)</u> |
| <u>LONG ASHTON</u> | Enlargement and improvement of the Long Ashton trunk sewer between the village and the Bristol City Boundary. <u>Cost £7,423(not final)</u> |

In progress at end of year.

| | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO.</u> | Sewerage and Sewage Disposal to Village. <u>Contract Sum £11,876.</u> |
| <u>PORTBURY AND EASTON-IN-GORDANO.</u> | Sewerage and Sewage Disposal <u>Contract Sum £40,825.</u> |
| <u>FLAX BOURTON</u> | Completion of village sewerage and sewage disposal Works. <u>Contract Sum £11,770.</u> |

FUTURE PROPOSALS(Priority Group 1.)

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>NAILSEA</u> | Sewerage and sewage disposal to major part of the Parish,(Stage 3),presumably to be followed by treatment of the southern slopes towards Backwell. <u>Approx. Cost(Stage 3)£75,575</u> |
| | Storm Water Sewer " " <u>£20,510</u> |
| <u>WINFORD</u> | Sewerage and Sewage Disposal to Winford and Felton. Joint scheme with Clutton R.D.C. with disposal works sited at Chew Magna. <u>Approx. Cost £105,960.</u> |
| <u>BACKWELL.</u> | Extension of sewer to Church Lane,Farleigh and Church Town. <u>Approx. Cost £3,200.</u> |
| <u>NAILSEA</u> | Scheme 4. to follow above. |

SEWAGE DISPOSALFUTURE PROPOSALS(Contd.)

DUNDRY & LONG ASHTON Sewerage and sewage disposal to Bridgwater Road and Dundry Lane areas.

Approx. Cost £16,500.

NORTH WESTON Sewerage and sewage disposal to Redcliffe Bay area by possible joint scheme with Fortishead U.D.C.

Approx. Cost: not available.

BACKWELL Enlargement and improvement of Backwell Sewage Works to cope with development.

Approx. Cost: not available.

A very real start has been made on the long delayed sewerage of the Rural District which will bring with it considerable financial load to be born by the Rates for many years to come. However parts of the District are showing rapid development, which could not take place without the provision of these services.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The following are the estimated numbers on December 31st, 1958.

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------|-----|------------------|-----|
| (1) | W.C.'s. | 10500 | (2) | Chemical Closets | 450 |
| (3) | Pail Closets | 650 | (4) | Other | 12 |

Number of conversions during the year :- 100

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House Refuse is removed by direct labour, using 5 vehicles :-

- One 10 cubic yard Ford vehicle.
- Two 7 cubic yard Ford vehicles.
- Two 18 cubic yard S. & D. vehicles.

Collections are made fortnightly in 11 parishes and weekly in the other 10. This uses the vehicles, staff and working hours to the full.

Trade Refuse is catered for at the following charges, but the service is little used. A considerable quantity of trade refuse, i.e. paper and cardboard being collected as salvage.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Trade Waste Charges.</u> | 6d. per bin. |
| up to 5 cwt. 3/6d. | up to 10 cwt. 7/-d. |
| up to 15 cwt. 10/-d. | up to 20 cwt. 15/-d. |
| every additional ton 12/-d. | |

Disposal is done by controlled tipping at a central tip and is well supervised though needing constant attention. Bristol Corporation have the use of a large quarry at Hartcliffe. Only by careful planning ahead can the difficult problem of Refuse disposal be overcome. The Council has been well served by the Surveyor in this matter.

SALVAGE

167 tons of paper salvage, and nearly 3 tons of rags have been baled and sold, bringing in the sum of £1,267.9.10d. during the year. Prices offered are lower and there have been periods when buyers restricted deliveries.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

This is mainly carried out by direct labour using our own vehicle. With increased demand it has been necessary to make arrangements with a private contractor to carry part of the load.

A charge is made for the service at the following rates :-

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Domestic premises | 15/- per load or part(800 gallons) |
| Business premises | 17/6d. per hour, including travelling time. |

Disposal is into sewers, sewage works and rarely on agricultural land. The clearing of the large number of cesspits subsequent to the installation of a piped sewerage system in Nailsea lead to temporary overloading of the works and a resulting smell nuisance, which caused some anxiety at the time.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES.

| | <u>Permanent</u> | <u>Seasonal</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) No. of licences issued for individual moveable dwellings | 43 | Nil |
| (b) No. of camping sites for which licences have been issued | 17 | 1 |
| (c) No. of caravans allowed per acre | 16 | |
| (d) Estimated maximum number of persons resident at sites during the year | 350 | 2000 |

The following report was made to the Investigation being carried out by Sir Arton Wilson on behalf of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government into the use of caravans as homes :-

| Numbers of :- | Sites. | Caravans. |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| On sites containing 3 or more residential caravans | 18 | 250 |
| Residential caravans tucked away in ones and twos | | 25 |
| Mixed holiday and residential sites | 8 | 150 |
| NOT requiring planning permission | 6 | 20 |
| Covered by temporary planning permission | 12 | 230 |
| Considered unsatisfactory because of location | 1 | 20 |

Families are not generally accepted on the Housing Waiting Lists, though 3 were rehoused during the year, on medical grounds.

Planning Permission.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| For continuance, establishment or extension of residential or mixed sites since January, 1954 ; | | |
| Subject to permission for 5 - 15 years | 9 | 106 |
| <u>Refused</u> for a new site or extension | 23 | 269 |
| on "Green Belt" grounds | Cases | 5 |
| as substandard accommodation | " | 3 |

Noted, in conclusion. The District adjoins the City of Bristol where few, if any, residential caravans are permitted and, as a result, many enquiries are received and discouraged, or subsequent applications refused.

HOUSING

Number of permanent dwellings as at 31.12.57 7708

Number gained by conversions and erected during year ... 311
(Local Authority and Private Enterprise)

Total 8109

Less

Number of houses demolished, closed etc..... 41

TOTAL NUMBER of Permanent dwellings as at 31.12.58

Local Authority 1477

Private Enterprise 6501

TOTAL 7978

Action taken during the year :-

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) | Number of houses included in Clearance Areas still to be made | Nil |
| (2) | Section 48, No. of houses in Clearance area Housing Act,1957. patched for temporary use under this section. | Nil |
| (3) | Section 42, No. of houses demolished(Clearance Housing Act,1957. Areas). | 16 |
| (4) | Section 17, No. of houses demolished or closed Housing Act,1957. (individual unfits.) | 24 |
| (5) | No. of temporary dwellings demolished (huts etc.) | 32 |
| (6) | Section 9, No. of houses declared unfit under Housing Act,1957. this Section of the Act. | Nil |
| (7) | No. of unfit houses occupied under licence. | Nil |
| (8) | <u>Rent Act,1957(1st Schedule)</u> Certificates of disrepair:- | |
| (a) | No. of applications received | 2 |
| (b) | No. of Certificates issued | Nil |

NEW HOUSINGHouses erected during the year :-

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|
| For Slum Clearance | By Council | 62 | |
| For other purposes | By Council | 19 | |
| | Private Enterprise | 223 | |
| | TOTAL | | 304 |

Houses in course of erection :-

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|
| For Slum Clearance | By Council | 32 | |
| For other purposes | By Council | 12 | |
| | Private Enterprise | 310 | |
| | TOTAL | | 354 |

HOUSING (Contd.)Dwellings gained by conversions :-

By Private Enterprise 7

Dwellings lost by conversions :-

By Private Enterprise 1

Number of Houses erected from April, 1945 to December 31st, 1958.

By Council 1108
By Private Enterprise 1028

DWELLINGS ERECTED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

| <u>Parish.</u> | <u>1951-54</u> | <u>1955</u> | <u>1956</u> | <u>1957</u> | <u>1958</u> | <u>Under Construction 31.12.58.</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Abbots Leigh | 22 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Backwell | 50 | 18 | 25 | 78 | 83 | 65 |
| Barrow Gurney | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Brockley | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 2 | - |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | 4 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Cleeve | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 21 |
| Dundry | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Easton-in-Gordano | 7 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 22 | 18 |
| Flax Bourton | 2 | 2 | - | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| Kenn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Kingston Seymour | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Long Ashton | 39 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 26 | 81 |
| Nailsea | 13 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 51 |
| North Weston | 14 | 12 | 13 | 22 | 21 | 11 |
| Portbury | 3 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Tickenham | 11 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| Walton-in-Gordano | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Weston-in-Gordano | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Winford | 9 | 4 | 4 | - | 3 | 2 |
| Wraxall | 26 | 9 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 15 |
| Yatton | 7 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 24 |
| TOTALS | 232 | 116 | 114 | 203 | 223 | 310 |
| TOTAL by Council | 401 | 43 | 77 | 154 | 81 | 44 |

Housing Programme for 1959.

| | <u>For Slum Clearance</u> | <u>Other Purposes</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Nailsea Southfield Road | 70 | 39 | 109 |
| Old People's | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Yatton Old People's | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Portbury | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Totals | 92 | 47 | 139 |

Number of Temporary Units occupied. 126
(All at Tyntesfield Park)

Number of houses found overcrowded. 4

Number of houses made fit during the year. 61

Houses required :-

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (i) to replace houses scheduled for demolition | 140 |
| (ii) to abate overcrowding | 30 |
| (iii) for other purposes | |
| Tyntesfield | 126 |
| estimated other | 200 |

Number of applications for Council Houses at end of the year. 501

Number of Council Houses sold during the year. Nil

Improvement Grants.

Number of applications and houses dealt with :-

| | <u>Received</u> <u>Appens. houses</u> | | <u>Approved</u> <u>Appens. houses</u> | | <u>Rejected</u> <u>Appens. houses.</u> | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|----|
| 31.7.49 - 31.12.57 | 197 | 212 | 159 | 172 | 30 | 32 |
| During year | 29 | 33 | 24 | 28 | 5 | 5 |
| Totals to 31.12.58 | 226 | 245 | 183 | 200 | 35 | 37 |

Number approved in respect of owner/occupiers 12
Average Cost per dwelling approved £694.0s.0d.
Amount of Grant paid by Council 75% generally; 100% special cases.

Rents are fixed by the Rent Act, 1957.

The following table gives the distribution of the Council's Houses and Bungalows in their sizes at December 31st, 1958 :-

| <u>Parish.</u> | <u>Bedrooms:-</u> | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | - | <u>Houses</u> | - | <u>House</u> | <u>Bung;</u> | <u>Flat</u> | <u>Bung;</u> | <u>Flat</u> | |
| Abbots Leigh | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Backwell | | - | - | 82 | - | 8 | - | - | - | 90 |
| Barrow Gurney | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brockley | | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | | - | - | 10 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Cleeve | | - | - | 29 | - | 20 | - | 1 | - | 50 |
| Dundry | | - | - | 30 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | 36 |
| Easton-in-Gordano | | - | 10 | 309 | 2 | 70 | - | 6 | - | 397 |
| Flax Bourton | | - | - | 16 | - | 4 | - | - | - | 20 |
| Kenn | | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Kingston Seymour | | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Long Ashton | | - | 4 | 145 | - | 19 | - | 2 | - | 170 |
| Nailsea | | 1 | 2 | 154 | 16 | 30 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 217 |
| North Weston | | - | 3 | 59 | 10 | 14 | - | - | - | 86 |
| Portbury | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tickenham | | - | - | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | 36 |
| Weston-in-Gordano | | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Walton-in-Gordano | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Winford | | - | 2 | 39 | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | 46 |
| Wraxall | | - | - | 25 | 8 | 4 | - | - | - | 37 |
| Yatton | | - | 5 | 200 | - | 40 | - | - | - | 245 |
| TOTALS | | 1 | 26 | 1152 | 44 | 215 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 1461 |

Note.

Omitted from the foregoing lists are the 26 x 3 bedrooms houses at Iulsgate, (Backwell), which were completed about the end of the year, and some houses at Nailsea similarly. The 8 flats were actually completed early in January, 1959, but are included.

The early need in houses was for young families and hence the marked preponderance of 3-bedroom houses. However, things are now becoming more stable and it would seem probable that there are an appreciable number of these houses occupied by only two persons. The 1951 Census showed that 4.0% of households consisted of one or two persons.

TYNIESFIELD CAMP.

During the year 37 families have been rehoused from the Camp, while it has been found expedient to let 25 of them again to families in need of accommodation, either from distressed conditions, or from evictions from tied tenancies or (3) from caravans with overcrowding.

The Council's tenancy of these buildings is due to expire in September, 1959 but the slow progress made in erecting the Long Ashton houses is going to make evacuation by that date impossible. However, one can look forward to the day, in 1960, when this reserve of temporary housing will no longer be available. Consideration must be given to the problems that must arise when that occurs.

F O O DMilk.

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (a) | Number of registered distributors | 15 |
| (b) | Number of registered Dairy Premises (other than Dairy Farms) | 17 |
| (c) | Number of Licensed Dealers of Designated Milk | 17 |
| (d) | Number of supplementary licenses issued to distributors whose dairy is outside the District | 18 |

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for :-

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|
| (a) | Manufacture and retail | 2 |
| (b) | Manufacture only | Nil |
| (c) | Retail only | 77 |

Number of samples taken :-

| | | |
|---------|-----|--------------|
| Grade 1 | 19 | |
| Grade 2 | 13 | |
| Grade 3 | Nil | All Hot mix. |
| Grade 4 | Nil | |

FOOD HYGIENE

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

One case was taken to Court under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 in which the offender pleaded guilty and was fined.

Supervision of premises was continued and generally co-operation obtained from traders.

FOOD HYGIENE (Cont'd.)

It has been necessary to restrain the selling of ice cream in such unsatisfactory premises as garages and repair shops.

Number of Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, where food is prepared (Ice Cream, Manufactured Meat Products, etc.) :-

81 premises.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Five slaughter houses are licensed in the District and four of these are operating. There are no Bacon Factories or places where horses are slaughtered for human consumption.

MEAT INSPECTION

All slaughtered meat is inspected. The official Report on the amounts, giving details, is appended to this Report. We have no evidence that the figures for Tuberculosis meat have been increased by the slaughter of reactors under the Attested Herds Scheme.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year :-

| | <u>Cattle excluding Cows</u> | <u>Cows</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep & Lambs</u> | <u>Pigs.</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Number killed | 1018 | 129 | 351 | 3187 | 2915 |
| Number inspected | 1018 | 129 | 351 | 3187 | 2915 |

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 87 | 13 | - | 4 | 36 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and Cysticerci | 8.64 | 12.40 | 1.42 | 0.25 | 1.33 |

Tuberculosis only.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|---|---|------|
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 14 | - | - | - | 11 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | 1.37 | - | - | - | 0.37 |

Cysticercosis :- No evidence of affection.

WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED
(in lbs.) for :-

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) Tuberculosis | 267 | - | - | - | 66 |
| (b) Cysticercosis | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Other | 1867 | 2152 | 293 | 245 | 589 |
| Total (in lbs.) condemned | 2134 | 2152 | 293 | 245 | 655 |

MEAT INSPECTION(Cont'd.)

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YEARLY COMPARISON.

| | <u>Cattle & Cows</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep</u> | <u>Pigs</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Killed & inspected 1955 | 1028 | 356 | 3590 | 3438 |
| 1956 | 932 | 515 | 3332 | 2747 |
| 1957 | 1248 | 456 | 3444 | 2789 |
| 1958 | 1147 | 351 | 3187 | 2915 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Meat condemned (T.B) 1955 | 6460 | - | - | 340 |
| (in lbs.) 1956 | 2070 | 65 | - | 464 |
| 1957 | 3624 | - | - | 144 |
| 1958 | 267 | - | - | 66 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| Total weight condemned | | | | |
| (in lbs.) 1955 | 10800 | 300 | 954 | 1068 |
| 1956 | 5972 | 553 | 942 | 1802 |
| 1957 | 7105 | 308 | 152 | 884 |
| 1958 | 4286 | 293 | 245 | 655 |

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The District is very largely agricultural and air pollution is of a minor nature and very localised. A recurring nuisance in one factory has been remedied as the result of our persistence, though there is still some very limited complaint from another oil-fired furnace at the same factory.

There is considerable dust at times from quarries, which, however are generally well away from habitations. Control is difficult and a cause of anxiety.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in this respect for the year 1958.

Part I of the Act.

- (1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health(including those made by Public Health Inspectors.)

| <u>Premises.</u> | <u>Number on Register.</u> | <u>Inspections.</u> | <u>Written Notices</u> | <u>Prosecutions</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sects.1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by L.A. | 9 | 10 | 1 | - |
| (ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by L.A. | 66 | 32 | 3 | - |
| (iii)Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by L.A.(excluding out-workers premises). | 13 | 6 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 88 | 48 | 4 | - |

(2) Cases in which defects were found

| <u>Particulars.</u> | <u>Found</u> | <u>Number of cases.</u> | | | | <u>Prosecutions.</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | <u>Remedied</u> | <u>To H.M.Inspr.:</u> | | <u>Referred By ditto</u> | |
| Cleanliness | | | | | | |
| Overcrowding | | | | | | |
| Temperature | | - | - | n i l | - | - |
| Ventilation | | | | | | |
| Drainage | | | | | | |
| Sanitary Conveniences | | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 1 | 1 | - | | 1 | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | - | | 3 | - |
| (c) No separate for sexes | - | - | - | | - | - |
| Other offences | - | - | - | | - | - |
| TOTAL | 3 | 3 | - | | 4 | - |

OUTWORK(Part VIII of the Act; Sects. 110 and 111)

We have no knowledge of any outworkers in the District.

CONCLUSION.

The general health of the community has continued without any notable incident.

The Council and its Officers have been fully occupied with much development, among which the following seem noteworthy :-

Sewerage. A great advance has been made with the long deferred sewerage of the villages and preliminary work done on others. One can hope that, within a few years, sewerage will be as general as piped water supply. Broad development for housing has raised problems of land drainage and its disposal.

Housing. New houses to replace Tyntesfield Camp has demanded priority over general needs and some urgency.

The redevelopment of Pill, after 'slum' clearance, has required special architectural consideration.

Old People's Houses are proposed to fit the needs of the villages.

Prewar Council houses are steadily being reconditioned.

There is a persistent inflow of requests for Improvement Grants for the reconditioning of older houses by owners.

There has been a marked increase in the number of Private Enterprise houses erected and proposed, wholly, it would seem, for owner occupation.

It remains for me to express my, and your, thanks to the Surveyor's and the Public Health Staff for a year's solid work and my appreciation of the help I receive from each of them. Mr. Barker, the Deputy P.H.I. has greatly assisted me in the compilation of this Report and his knowledge of the District and sound knowledge of 'the law' is invaluable to all departments.

I am grateful for the understanding and co-operation I always receive from you, Sir, and all members of the Council.

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